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Via ECFS

January 30, 2017

Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CenturyLink Certification for Public Notice of Network Change for
Copper Retirements, 47 C.F.R. Section 51.332(d); No. 16-004,
WC Docket No. 16-342; Report Nos. NCD-2640 and NCD-2596

Dear Ms. Dortch:

CenturyLink, Inc., on behalf of its incumbent local exchange carrier affiliate (collectively referred to herein as "CenturyLink"), hereby submits in the attached Appendix the enclosed Declaration and Certification under 47 C.F.R. § 51.332(d) for public notice No. 16-004,¹ as filed on October 11, 2016² and publicly noticed by the FCC on October 31, 2016.³ The planned

¹ The CenturyLink public notice can be accessed via ECFS:

<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10112955220111/a%20161011%20CTL%2016-004%20PN%20Letter%20FINAL.pdf> ;
<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10112955220111/b%20161011%20CTL%2016-004%20PN%20Certificate%20FINAL.pdf> ;
<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10112955220111/c%20161011%20CTL%2016-004%20PN%20CR%20in%20AL%20et%20al%20FINAL.pdf> ;
<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10112955220111/d%20161011%20CTL%2016-004%20PN%20Distribution%20List%20FINAL.pdf> ; and
<https://ecfsapi.fcc.gov/file/10112955220111/e%20161011%20CTL%2016-004%20PN%20COS%20FINAL.pdf> .

² CenturyLink filed a public notice for this network disclosure, with a different implementation date, on June 28, 2016. The re-filing of the public notice on October 11, 2016, complete in its entirety, clarified certain aspects of the earlier submission, as noted in the Wireline Bureau's Public Notice of Oct. 31, 2016. See note 3, *infra*.

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implementation date for Network Disclosure Announcement No. 16-004 for copper retirements in Alabama, Florida, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin is April 30, 2017. This Declaration and Certification is filed by CenturyLink's authorized representative within 90 days of October 31, 2016 in response to 47 C.F.R. § 51.332(d) and (f) and the Declaration meets the requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 1.16.

Sincerely,

/s/ Abdennaceur Boudhaouia

Enclosures

cc: Carmell Weathers

³ Public Notice, Report Nos. NCD-2640 and 2596, WC Docket No. 16-342 (rel. Oct. 31, 2016). https://apps.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/DOC-341986A1.pdf

Appendix

DECLARATION AND CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 51.332(d)

I, Abdennaceur Boudhaouia, certify under penalty of perjury that the following Certification is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

47 C.F.R. § 51.332(d)

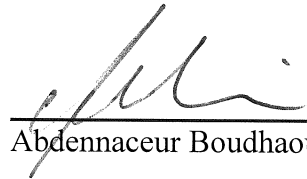
Pursuant to section 51.332(d) of the FCC's rules, CenturyLink hereby provides its Certification no later than 90 days after the FCC's Public Notice of October 31, 2016. In support of its Certification, CenturyLink declares as follows with respect to the statements and other information required by that section:

- (1) This Certification is for Network Disclosure No. 16-004 for copper retirements in Alabama, Florida, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin with an implementation date of April 30, 2017;
- (2) On October 11, 2016, notice was given in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 51.332(b)(1);
- (3) On October 11, 2016, CenturyLink timely served a copy of its public notice upon each entity within the affected service area that directly interconnects with CenturyLink's network, in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 51.332(b)(1);
- (4) Attachment 1 to today's submission provides the name and address of each entity upon which CenturyLink served the written notice referred to in statement (3) above;
- (5) On October 11, 2016, CenturyLink timely notified and served a copy of the public notice of its network change upon the governor and state public utility commission of Alabama, Florida, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Wisconsin, any tribal entities in the affected service areas, and the Special Assistant for Telecommunications under the U.S. Secretary of Defense, in compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 51.332(b)(4);
- (6) These retirements will have no impact on the rates, terms and conditions of the services provided to the retail customers that are currently served by the copper facilities being retired;
- (7) No customer notice is required by 47 C.F.R. § 51.332(b)(3) for these retirements;
- (8) The notification requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 68.110(b) do not apply to these retirements;
- (9) CenturyLink has complied with the good faith communication requirements of 47 C.F.R. § 51.332(g) and will continue to do so until implementation of the planned copper retirement is complete; and

(10) The Commission has assigned the following docket number and NCD numbers to CenturyLink's Network Disclosure No. 16-004: WC Docket No. 16-342; Report Nos. NCD-2640 and 2596.

Any person seeking additional information in conjunction with CenturyLink Network Disclosure No. 16-004 can contact:

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